

RECEIVED

JUL 22 2002

TC 1700

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q54969

RECEIVED

Takahiko ISHIGURO, et al.

JUL 23 2002

Appln. No. 09/345,761

Group Art Unit: 1655

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Confirmation No.: 1618

Examiner: Janell E. Taylor

Filed: July 01, 1999

For: METHOD OF ASSAY OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

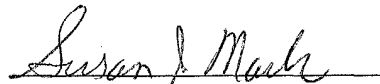
Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860


Susan J. Mack
Registration No. 30,951

Date: July 18, 2002